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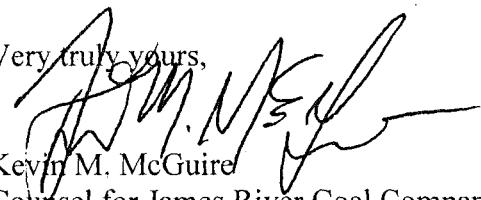
RE: United States of America v. Triad Mining, Inc.
United States District Court; Civil Action No. 1-12-cv-0026

Dear Perry:

As we discussed yesterday, James River Coal Company and its subsidiaries (collectively "JRCC"), including Triad Mining, Inc., filed for bankruptcy protection on April 7, 2014 with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia ("Court"). On August 18 through August 21, 2014, the Court supervised an auction sale of a substantial portion of JRCC's assets, including all assets associated with the Triad mining complex. The successful bidder, JR Acquisitions, LLC ("JR"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Blackhawk Mining, LLC, closed the sale transaction on August 29, 2014, and subsequently transferred all assets associated with the Triad mining complex to JR's wholly-owned subsidiary, Triad Mining, LLC. As such, the new owner and operator of the Triad mining complex is Triad Mining, LLC. I have attached a list of contact information for Triad Mining, LLC.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



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